



Clinical Congress News

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The American College of Surgeons is dedicated to improving the care of the surgical patient and to safeguarding standards of care in an optimal and ethical practice environment.

Welcome

On behalf of the Board of Regents, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to San Francisco for the 88th Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons.



Dr. Jones

The Clinical Congress is the world's largest educational meeting for surgeons in all specialties. Total attendance, including other health care professionals, scientific and industrial exhibitors, members of the press, and invited guests, is expected to exceed 15,000.

Under the direction of Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS, Chair, and Ronald V. Maier, MD, FACS, Vice-Chair, the College's Program Committee has planned another outstanding and timely program. Activities formally begin at 8:30 am on Monday morning. Following the Opening Ceremony Introduction of Dignitaries and Special Invited Guests, Haile T. Debas, MD, FACS, will deliver the American Urological Association Lecture, "Medicine in the 21st Century." Immediately following the lecture, the full program of general and specialty sessions will commence.

A distinguished group of speakers from around the world will present the annual nine named lectures. Additional educational highlights of the meeting include sessions on handheld computing for surgeons, stem cells in clinical practice, the ethics of entrepreneurialism in surgery, scope of practice and the future of the general/trauma surgeon, telemedicine, and strategies for preparedness regarding unconventional acts of civilian terrorism.

The week's meetings and activities will culminate with the awarding of Fellowship in the College to 1,512 Initiates during the Convocation ceremonies on Thursday evening in the Esplanade Ballroom of Moscone Center.

The Clinical Congress continues to be the hallmark event of this organization. It remains a testament to the dedication, organizational ability, foresight, and cooperation of the College staff, committees, and attendees.

I wish to thank personally the many individuals who make this meeting happen, and extend to each attendee my best wishes for an exciting and productive meeting.

R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS, is the S. Hurt Watts Professor of Surgery, University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, and the 82nd President of the American College of Surgeons.

Haile T. Debas speaks at combined Opening Ceremony/AUA Lecture

For the first time, the American Urological Association Lecture will be officially combined with the Opening Ceremony at this year's Clinical Congress. The merged events will take place at 8:30 am, Monday, October 7, in the Esplanade Ballroom, Rooms 305-310, of Moscone Center.

The session will begin with the Opening Ceremony, Introduction of Dignitaries and Special Invited Guests. ACS President R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS, will serve as the presiding officer. Dr. Jones also will introduce this year's AUA Lecturer, Haile T. Debas, MD, FACS, who will speak on Medicine in the Twenty-first Century.

Dr. Debas will discuss how the scientific and technological changes of the last part of the twentieth century, along with the growth of managed care, have forever changed how medicine is practiced and health care delivered.

More specifically, Dr. Debas will show how minimal access surgery, interventional radiology, interventional endoscopy, and so on, have dramatically changed treatment for a range of diseases and conditions. Dr. Debas maintains that these techniques will undergo further refinement in the coming years and that many current "open" procedures will be performed using these "minimalist" approaches. He also will demonstrate how the computer will be increasingly integrated into the operating room and simulation technology will be used to train surgeons.

In addition, Dr. Debas will show how managed care failed and will discuss the need for a new health care system. This new system will need to be patient-centered, safe, efficient, effective, and equitable, according to Dr. Debas.

Dr. Debas is dean of the school of medicine, vice-chancellor of medical affairs, and Maurice Galante Distinguished Professor of Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco. A number of institutions have honored Dr. Debas for excellence in surgical education and his dedication to the promotion of diversity. Last year, he was named Doctor of Science, Causa Honoris, at the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Dr. Debas has been a Fellow of the College since 1984 and has served on the College's Committee on Medical Motion Pictures and Graduate Medical Education Committee. He has been elected or appointed to a number of prestigious positions within other organizations as well. More specifically, he is the immediate past-president of the American Surgical Association. Dr. Debas also served as director of the American Board of Surgery from 1990 to 1997, president of the Association for Academic Minority Physicians, and president of the International Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Association.

Dr. Debas currently serves on the national advisory council for complementary and alternative medicine at the National Institutes of Health and on the membership committee of the Institute of Medicine. He also has had a seat on the editorial boards for a number of clinical journals, including the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*, *Journal of Surgical Research*, *American Journal of Surgery*, and *Gastroenterology*. He currently serves on the editorial boards of *The Western Journal of Medicine* and *The Journal of the Association for Academic Minority Physicians*. Dr. Debas is the prolific author of scholarly journal articles, abstracts, chapters, and papers delivered



Dr. Debas

at scientific meetings.

Dr. Debas was born in Asmara, Eritrea. He received his bachelor of science degree in biology from the University College, Addis Ababa, and his medical degree is from McGill University in Montreal, PQ.

He went on to attain much of his postgraduate training in Canada, starting with an internship at Ottawa Civic Hospital in Ottawa, ON. He completed his surgical residency at the UBC/Vancouver General Hospital. Dr. Debas also finished two research fellowships at the UBC and one at the University of Glasgow/Western Infirmary under the direction Sir Andrew Kay, MD, FACS(Hon). Additionally, he completed the Medical Research Council of Canada Fellowship in gastrointestinal research at the University of California, Los Angeles, and Wadsworth Veterans Administration Medical Center under the tutelage of M.I. Grossman, MD.

College establishes political action committee

Reimbursement policy. Medical liability reform. Overwhelming clinical and administrative requirements. More and more decisions are being made in Washington, DC, that ultimately affect your patients, your practices, and your profession.

In February 2002, the College's Board of Regents approved the formation of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association (ACSPA) to pursue new products, services, and ventures that would provide direct benefit to Fellows and not jeopardize our existing

not-for-profit status. You will be learning more about the plans ACSPA is pursuing in the months to come.

One of the first steps taken for the new organization was the Regent's approval in June of the formation of a political action committee to more actively support and speak to candidates for national offices who support surgery's priorities.

ASCPA-SurgeonsPAC was formed to provide surgeons with a more active and powerful voice in the political process. Your contributions and involvement mean that the College will be able to support candidates who reflect and

support surgery's priorities.

Representatives from ACSPA-Surgeons PAC will be available in the ACS Resource Center throughout the Clinical Congress to discuss the opportunities that exist for you to get involved in this exciting new venture. Please stop by the Advocacy and Health Policy Booth in the ACS Resource Center, located in the North Hall registration area of Moscone Center, to learn more about ACSPA-SurgeonsPAC.

For information online, please go to www.facs.org/membersonly/ASCPA-surgeonspac/.

C. James Carrico remembered

For those of you who may not yet have heard, it is with great sadness that I report that the President-Elect of the College, C. James Carrico, MD, FACS, died on July 25 after a long and gallant battle with cancer. The College has expressed to his wife, Sue, their three children, and other family members the esteem and appreciation that we all held for Jim and for his professional contributions not only to the College, but to the academic institutions where he served.

I would like to reflect briefly on Dr. Carrico's permanent imprint on the College.

True leadership

Throughout his illness, Jim Carrico remained remarkably attentive to his work and to this organization. He was productive until his last days with us. Although Jim was prepared to die, he clearly was not ready. He was looking forward with great anticipation to becoming President of the College beginning in October and had great plans for his year of Presidency.

Whenever those of us who knew Dr. Carrico think about him in the future, we will no doubt express continual amazement at his outstanding contributions to the College. Jim was an indefatigable volunteer throughout his nearly 31 years of Fellowship. In all, he served on 34 different committees, beginning in 1975 when he was appointed to the Pre- and Postoperative Care Committee.

As a specialist in burns, trauma, and critical care, Dr. Carrico held the Committee on Trauma as one of his passions. He was appointed to that committee in 1983 and served as Vice-Chair of its Executive Committee from 1986 to 1989.

Jim was active on the Board of Governors from 1984 to 1990 and served as its Chair from 1989 to 1990. Additionally, Dr. Carrico served three three-year terms on the Board of Regents and was Chair of the Board from 1999 to 2001. In that capacity, he was immensely helpful to me, and I will always appreciate his guidance throughout my early days as ACS Executive Director. He never lectured, offered dissertations, or harangued about a certain issue. Rather, Jim's advice was concise, direct, always well-received, and most often accurate.

Lasting legacy

No matter what role he was playing at any given time within the College, Jim left a lasting imprimatur. His focus always was on doing what would be in the best interests of the surgical patient and on ensuring that the College's policies and programs would lead to improved quality of care.

For example, he helped to establish and chaired the Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education. Through this committee, he attempted to identify new technologies that would have real clinical applications as well as the best, most appropriate means for training the surgical community in the use of these advancements. I will always associate Jim Carrico with forging this committee, and I believe it will become an even more integral component of the College as we evaluate the utility of new devices before they are introduced for general use.

Another College committee that grew out of Dr. Carrico's vision and understanding of the modern practice environment is the Health Policy Steering

Committee. This committee had Jim's total endorsement as a stepping stone toward the College's development of a more responsive and proactive voice in Washington, DC.

Jim always believed that one of the most important events at the Clinical Congress was the Convocation and the induction of the new Initiates. To that end, he felt strongly that the reception following the Convocation should include ample time and opportunity for the Initiates and their families to meet the College leadership to help foster the life-long relationship we hope all Fellows will build with this organization. Thus, this year, we will be welcoming and encouraging all of the new Initiates to meet the leaders of the College and other Fellows at the reception on Thursday evening following their induction.

In his memory

Because of the severity of his illness, Jim knew he would be unable to complete his term as President-Elect of the College. So he suggested, and the Board of Regents enthusiastically agreed, that Richard R. Sabo, MD, FACS, the First Vice-President-Elect from Bozeman, MT, should complete Jim's term as President-Elect. Under the terms of the *Bylaws* of the College, when the President is unable to serve his or her term, the First Vice-President is to serve in that capacity. Thus, once Dr. Sabo is sworn in as First Vice-President during the Convocation ceremonies on October 10, he will then assume the office of President for the year 2002 to 2003. Prior to his death, Jim and Richard had many discussions regarding the goals of the College for the next year, and we anticipate that Jim's vision and direction



Dr. Carrico

will be well carried out despite his physical absence.

I believe that this year's Clinical Congress will be a fitting tribute to Jim Carrico in many ways. While we will always miss Jim's vision and dedication to our College and will remain indebted to him for the many changes he spearheaded through his quiet leadership, I believe one need not look too far to see how his essence survives in Fellows of the College. We see it in each Fellow who sacrifices his or her time to share an expertise by volunteering to work on committees, to write articles and letters for publication in the *Bulletin*, and to speak at educational meetings. Dr. James Carrico's spirit will live on in your dedication to surgery and to this organization.

Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS
Executive Director

(excerpted from Dr. Russell's "From my perspective" column in the September 2002 Bulletin)

Applications for ACS membership available this week

Applications to become a member of the Candidate Group or Associate Fellow of the American College of Surgeons are available this week from the Division of Member Services offices at Moscone Center and the Hilton San Francisco.

Candidate Group applications for

physicians in approved surgical residency, research, or fellowship programs are available for program directors to take with them or they may have a supply mailed to their office. Surgeons in the early stages of surgical practice may obtain Associate Fellow applications for themselves or colleagues.

Space still available to attend PG 28

Postgraduate Course No. 28, Plastic Surgery: Management of Devastating Defects of the Abdomen and Perineum.

6 hours, 2 sessions
Tuesday, October 8, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon; Wednesday, October 9, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Chair: Alan E. Seyfer, MD, FACS, Bethesda, MD

The objective of this course is to examine coordinated therapies to achieve optimal outcomes in patients with destructive or ablative wounds of the abdominal wall and perineum.

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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Dr. and Mrs. Berry to receive 2002 Distinguished Philanthropist Award

The Fellows Leadership Society will hold its 14th annual luncheon on Monday, October 7, beginning at 11:30 am at the Hilton San Francisco, Continental 5. This year's luncheon will feature the presentation of the 2002 ACS Distinguished Philanthropist Award to Robert E. Berry, MD, FACS, and his wife, Margaret Valentine Berry of Roanoke, VA.

Dr. and Mrs. Berry truly represent the embodiment of the spirit of philanthropy the award was established to recognize. Dr. and Mrs. Berry have given most generously of their time, talents, and treasure not only in support of the American College of Surgeons, but to numerous social, civic, religious, and academic causes beyond the College. The many and varied contributions of this unique couple include an extended tour of duty in the medical missionary field from 1961 to 1966 under the auspices of the United Methodist Church, during which time they lived and served with the United Mission to Nepal at Kathmandu. Dr. Berry served as director of surgery at Shanta Bhawan Hospital.

Professor emeritus of surgery at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Dr. Berry has been a Fellow of the College since 1966 and is former



Dr. Berry

Governor-at-Large from Virginia. Dr. Berry has been a member of the ACS Committee on Development since 1992, serving as Chair from 1997 to 2001. Dr. Berry has been a member of the Virginia Chapter of the ACS since 1973, having served as its president from 1989 to 1990.

Dr. Berry's long and distinguished career includes service with the American Cancer Society as an active member of both the Virginia board of directors and the Roanoke Valley Unit.



Mrs. Berry

Serving as director of surgical education at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospitals, Dr. Berry is a past-president of the Association for Program Directors in Surgery and currently serves as a member of the editorial board of *Current Surgery*. A member of the Virginia Surgical Society since 1972, he served as that organization's president from 1991 to 1992.

Dr. Berry received his bachelor of science degree from Dickinson College and

underwent his medical training at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. and Mrs. Berry have three grown children.

The Distinguished Philanthropist Award is given in recognition of extraordinary philanthropic support. Previous honorees have been Pon Satitpunwaycha, MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. Paul H. Jordan, Jr., MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. Eric T. Lincke, MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. Neil Clements, MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. Scott Woods, MD, FACS; the Islami Family and Islami Foundation; Armand Hammer, MD; John Conley, MD, FACS; the Clowes Family and Clowes Fund of Indianapolis; Oliver H. Beahrs, MD, FACS; and Julius H. Jacobson II, MD, FACS.

The Fellows Leadership Society was established in 1988 to provide a means of recognizing the extraordinary contributions of Fellows and friends of the College. Further information regarding the Development Program and membership in the Fellows Leadership Society is available at the ACS Resource Center, located in the North Hall registration area of Moscone Center, or on the College's Web site at <http://www.facs.org/development/fls.html>.

Use of stereotactic radiosurgery in neurosurgery to be explored

The Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery is sponsoring a session on Monday morning that will address Technology Transfer: Can the Robotic Stereotactic Radiosurgery Experience in Neurosurgery Be Transferred to the Treatment of Neoplastic Diseases of the Thorax, Head and Neck, Spine, and Pancreas?

The session will take place from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in Room 301 of Moscone Center.

Randall K. Wolf, MD, FACS, Colum-

bus, OH, will serve as moderator for the session.

Neurosurgeons who practice surgical resection and/or stereotactic radiosurgery have made significant inroads in the management of intracranial malignancies. The idea of surgeons in other disciplines practicing surgery and also focused radiosurgery for lung, breast, prostate, and retroperitoneal malignancies is rapidly evolving. This session will provide insight as to whether this development—namely, stereotactic radio-

surgery—is something that your practice could incorporate into use.

Topics and presenters are as follows: Robotic Stereotactic Radiosurgery: Neuro, Head and Neck, by John B. Adler, Jr., MD, Stanford, CA; Robotic Stereotactic Radiosurgery: Thoracic, by Malcolm M. DeCamp, MD, FACS, Cleveland, OH; and Robotic Stereotactic Radiosurgery: Spine, by Fraser C. Henderson, MD, Washington, DC.



Dr. Wolf

Panel will examine the use of surgical robots in the operating room

The ACS Committee on Operating Room Environment and the Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education will cosponsor a general session Monday morning entitled The New Member of the OR Team: The Surgical Robot. The panel discussion will take place from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in Room 102 of Moscone Center.

Richard J. Shemin, MD, FACS,

Boston, MA, will serve as moderator for the program.

As robotics increasingly becomes a reality in surgery, its presence raises many new issues for the operating room and the personnel interacting with this technology. A panel of experts will explore current experiences and project future protocols for credentialing, safety, and human/robot interac-

tion. Issues to be addressed surround current surgical robots and how they work, credentialing the robot and the surgeon, ensuring patient safety, the impact on nursing and team participation, and operating room budgetary implications.

Topics and presenters are: The Development and Implementation of a Surgical Robotic Program: Where We

Are and a Vision for the Future, by W. Randolph Chitwood, Jr., MD, FACS; Technological Development of Robotic Surgery: A View from NASA and the Armed Forces, by Jon C. Bowersox, MD, FACS; and Robotics in Surgery: Perspectives of an Evolving Surgical Curmudgeon, by Donald E. Fry, MD, FACS.

Named Lectures: 88th Clinical Congress



Haile T. Debas, MD, FACS

American Urological Association Lecture

Sponsored by the AUA since 1967, featuring diverse topics in surgery

Monday, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Moscone Center
Esplanade Ballroom
Rooms 305-310

“Medicine in the Twenty-first Century”



Ernest E. Moore, MD, FACS

Scudder Oration on Trauma

Evolved from the Oration on Fractures (1929) to honor Charles Locke Scudder as a founding member of the College and major contributor to the surgery of trauma.

Tuesday, 1:30-2:15 pm
Moscone Center
Room 103

“Blood Substitutes: The Future Is Now”



James C. Stanley, MD, FACS

I.S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences

Sponsored by the I.S. Ravdin Surgical Society since 1964 to honor I.S. Ravdin, MD, FACS, by promoting the application of basic sciences to surgery.

Wednesday, 1:30-2:15 pm
Moscone Center
Room 103

“The Ignoble Renal Artery, Renin, Angiotensin, Hypertension, and the Surgeon Scientist”



Thomas B. Ferguson, MD, FACS

John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture

First delivered in 1979 to honor this pioneer of open-heart surgery.

Monday, 11:00 am-12:00 noon
Moscone Center
Rooms 130-131

“Information Exchange and Communication: Are They the Same?”



Roger S. Foster, Jr., MD, FACS

Ethics and Philosophy Lecture

Established in 1990 through the generosity of John J. Conley, MD, FACS, to support the exploration of ethical issues in surgery.

Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 am
Moscone Center
Room 103

“Conflicts of Interest: Recognition, Disclosure, and Management”



A.G. Ross Sheil, MS, FRCS, FRASC, FACS

Distinguished Lecture of the International Society of Surgery

Established in 1990 to honor distinguished international surgeons.

Wednesday, 3:00-4:00 pm
Moscone Center
Room 103

“Xenotransplantation and Cloning: Facts and Future”



Thomas E. Starzl, MD, PhD, FACS

Charles G. Drake History of Surgery Lecture

First delivered in 1992 to explore the historical development of surgery.

Monday, 1:30-2:30 pm
Moscone Center
Room 134

“The Saga of Liver Transplantation”



John Wong, MB, BS, MD, PhD, FACS (Hon)

Commission on Cancer Oncology Lecture

Established in 1987 to explore major developments in oncology and to focus on the surgeon's role in patient care.

Wednesday, 11:00 am-12:15 pm
Moscone Center
Room 103

“Esophageal Cancer: What Price Swallowing?”



Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS

Martin Memorial Lecture

Established in 1946 to honor Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS, founder of the College, and his wife, Isabelle Hollister Martin.

Thursday, 1:00-1:45 pm
Moscone Center
Esplanade Ballroom, Rooms 305-310

“From Mainz to Modern with Martin in the Middle”



Congress attendees are encouraged to visit the ACS Resource Center in the North Hall of Moscone Center. The exhibit provides information on the Advanced Trauma Life Support Course® (ATLS), the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG), the Candidate and Associate Society-American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS), the Commission on Cancer, the Committee on Trauma, Communications activities, Advocacy and Health Policy, National TRACS®, the National Trauma Data Bank™, Philanthropy, and the Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program (SESAP).

The Resource Center will be open Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Monday through Wednesday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Thursday 7:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Registration locations and hours

If you have received your credentials for the Clinical Congress, to confirm your attendance, simply turn in your verification card at the advance registration desk to receive a badge holder and Clinical Congress Program Book.

The registration area in Moscone Center will be open at the following times:

Sunday, October 6 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Monday, October 7 7:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 8 7:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, October 9 7:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday, October 10 7:00 am to 1:30 pm.

As a convenience, advance registration will be open at the Hilton San Francisco, Plaza Room, at the following times:

Saturday, October 5 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Sunday, October 6 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
Monday, October 7 7:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 8 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

If you received a badge or Postgraduate Course ticket in the mail, you may redeem your verification card for a badge holder, Program Book, and PG manual at these locations.

Session to consider design of morbidity/mortality conference

The Board of Governors' Committee on Surgical Practice in Hospitals is sponsoring a general session on Monday morning on The Morbidity and Mortality Conference As an Educational and Risk-Reduction Tool. The session will take place from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in Room 103 of Moscone Center.

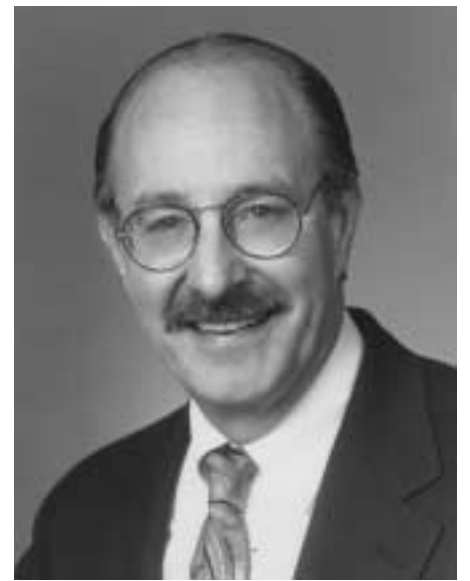
Frederick L. Greene, MD, FACS, Charlotte, NC, will serve as moderator of the session.

At most hospitals, the surgical morbidity and mortality (M&M) conference

has evolved as a quality review forum. The purpose of this session is to present concepts and methods for designing the M&M conference as an educational tool for residents and practicing surgeons. Strategies to ensure that the M&M conference includes discussion of quality-assurance activities and serves as a risk-reduction mechanism will be discussed. Issues regarding patient confidentiality in terms of new Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act guidelines and "discoverability" in medicolegal events pertaining to the M&M con-

ference will be addressed.

Topics and presenters are as follows: The M&M Matrix—Complications and the Surgical Curriculum, by Leo A. Gordon, MD, FACS; M&M, Loop Closure, and Other Lessons Learned (the Hard Way) from a Trauma Process Improvement Program, by David G. Jacobs, MD, FACS; and The M&M Conference: Discoverability, HIPAA, and Other Issues, by Robert M. Portman, JD, MPP.



Dr. Greene

Session to explore the role of handheld computing for surgeons

The Regent's Committee on Informatics will sponsor a general session on Tuesday morning entitled Knowledge at the Point of Care: Handheld Computing for Surgeons. The session will take place from 8:30 to 10:00 am in

Room 103 of Moscone Center. Jonathan C. Silverstein, MD, FACS, Chicago, IL, will serve as moderator.



Dr. Silverstein

The program will address the role of handheld and other wearable computing devices in the practice of surgery. The use of today's handheld computing devices and services to link surgeons with interactive information for their daily practices will be discussed. Technology-based advances in wireless networking and wearable computer interfaces will be described. The availability and use of point-of-care devices in hospitals of the future will also be explored.

Scheduled topics and speakers: What Works Today, by Nilay Shah, MD,

Pittsburgh, PA; Medical Imaging: Any Time, Any Place, by Jeffrey Weisman, DO, FACC, Jenkintown, PA; and What's Next, by Ahmad Hashem, MD, PhD, Redmond, WA.

In addition, a postgraduate skills-oriented course, SC06, Computers in Surgery: Basic Course, will be held Monday and Tuesday in Moscone Center. Specific times, locations, and program information may be found on page 117 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

A postgraduate skills-oriented course, SC05, Computers in Surgery: Creating

a Scientific Presentation, will be held Monday in Moscone Center. Program information may be found on page 115 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

David A. Krusch, MD, FACS, Rochester, NY, will serve as chair for these skills-oriented postgraduate courses.



Dr. Krusch

AWS program addresses surgical behavior/misbehavior

The Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) will present a program on surgical behavior at its annual fall conference on Sunday, October 6, beginning at 7:30 am in the San Francisco Marriott.

AWS programs aim to provide discussion of relevant topics and ample networking opportunities. Additional AWS activities taking place during this year's Clinical Congress include the Sunday Networking Lunch, Sunday Awards Dinner, and Wednesday Networking Breakfast.

AWS's fall program will begin at 7:30 am in the Yerba Buena Ballroom, Salon 1-3, of the San Francisco Marriott with

continental breakfast, followed by the annual business meeting and AWSF/Ethicon Endo-Surgery Grant presentations. At 8:40 am, Kimberly Ephgrave, MD, FACS, will examine the ACS Code of Conduct and AWS's suggested additions. William Close, MD, FACS, will follow with his views on tolerance and what women bring to the profession. At 10:00 am, Hilary Sanfey, MB, FACS, will discuss women and professionalism, followed by Betsy Tuttle-Newhall, MD, FACS, discussing institutional policies and responsibilities. The morning will conclude with a panel discussion involving all four speakers.

The AWS Networking Luncheon will follow the morning program and is included with registration to the AWS conference. The luncheon will be held in Yerba Buena Ballroom, Salon 4-5, of the San Francisco Marriott.

AWS will recognize outstanding women at their annual Awards Dinner on Sunday evening at the Carnelian Room, 555 California St., 52nd Floor. The association will recognize this year's winners of the Outstanding Woman Resident Award, Nina Starr Braunwald Award, Honorary Member Award, Distinguished Member Award, and the 2003 AWSF/Ethicon Endo-

Surgery Fellowship recipient.

While attending the Clinical Congress, plan to visit the AWS Booth #146 in the exhibit hall at Moscone Center. Visitors may obtain information regarding AWS programs, learn more about the profession, and network with peers.

The Association of Women Surgeons is headquartered just west of Chicago at 414 Plaza Dr., Ste. 209, Westmont, IL 60559; tel. 630/655-0392, fax 630/655-0391; e-mail info@womensurgeons.org. Visit the AWS Web site at www.womensurgeons.org.

Women surgeons offer networking opportunity on Wednesday

Join the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) on Wednesday, October 9, for a complimentary networking breakfast for members and nonmembers. The event will take place from 7:00 to

9:00 am at the San Francisco Marriott in Yerba Buena Ballroom, Salon 1-3. This event is typically well-attended and receives rave reviews from all who stop by. Swing in to grab some breakfast

and make some contacts while you're there!

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Tuesday sessions

Liability and patient safety issues to be addressed

The ACS Committee on Patient Safety and Professional Liability will sponsor two panel discussions on Tuesday of this week that address liability and patient safety issues.

- Patient Safety: Medical Errors and Improving Patient Safety, will be held Tuesday from 8:00 to 10:00 am in Room 135 of Moscone Center. Frank C. Spencer, MD, FACS, New York, NY, will serve as moderator.

Current experiences and new approaches to patient safety will be discussed. Emphasis will focus on methods that any hospital can use, including: (1) the new concept of the "clinical expert" with adverse event committees (other important components include decentralization of authority and continuing responsibility); and (2) a concurrent study of all patient deaths for contributory adverse events. Specific topics will include wrong-site, wrong-patient, and wrong-procedure operations in both inpatient and ambulatory settings.

Topics and panelists are as follows: Preventing Surgical Errors and Adverse Events Using Information Technology,

David Bates, MD, FACS, Boston, MA; Eliminate Medical Errors vs. Improve Patient Outcomes: Can We Have It All?, William C. Nugent, MD, FACS, Lebanon, NH; Building a Patient Safety Program in a University Hospital, Frank C. Spencer, MD, FACS, New York, NY.

- The Surgeon and the Law: Patient Confidentiality—Surgeon, Patient, and Government Perspectives, will be held Tuesday from 1:30 to 4:30 pm in Room 306 of Moscone Center. John M. Daly, MD, FACS, New York, NY, will serve as moderator.

Patient confidentiality is deemed to be a hallmark of the Hippocratic Oath. Yet rules of confidentiality and their applications are changing because of direct government action. Rules apply not only to physicians but also to pharmacies, HMOs, hospitals, and multiple health care providers. This symposium will address these changing rules and the requirements for surgeons' adherence. Penalties for nonadherence to these new rules are severe and far-reaching. Thus, being knowledgeable about this changing environment is of critical importance to all practicing sur-



Dr. Spencer

geons and surgical residents.

Topics and panelists for this session are as follows: The New Peer Review Dilemma: Confidentiality vs. Disclosure, F. Dean Griffen, MD, FACS, Shreveport, LA; Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule: Overview, Ira Pollack, San



Dr. Daly

Francisco, CA; Practical Applications of Confidentiality in the Physician's Office, Jacqueline Darrah, MA, JD, Chicago, IL; Health Privacy in the States, Jon Sutton, MBA, Chicago, IL; The Surgeon's Perspective on the Legal Issues, A. Craig Eddy, MD, JD, LLM, FACS, Missoula, MT.

Ethics of entrepreneurialism will be examined on Thursday

The ACS Committee on Ethics will sponsor a general session Thursday morning, GS 33, The Ethics of Entrepreneurialism in Surgery. The session will be held from 8:00 to 11:30 am in Rooms 236-238 of Moscone Center (*please note location change*).

John T. Preskitt, Sr., MD, FACS, Dallas, TX, will serve as moderator for the session.

Since the origins of surgery as a pro-

fession, payment for medical care and services has presented some surgeons with inherent moral and ethical conflict. With the continued diminishment of public support research, increased market competition by drug and product development companies, organ donation shortages, and increased public scrutiny of financial disclosure and conflict issues, greater pressures are being placed on physicians and surgeons who

try to take an idea off the drawing board to the bedside.

Using illustrative case and situational presentations, this colloquium will address issues such as barriers to innovation, patient injury in drug and product studies, the ethics of for-profit drug study organizations, who pays for research and development, organ donation incentives, and disclosure of financial interest to patients and their families.

A pro-con debate format with computer-based audience interaction will be used, together with a distinguished panel of experts to lead the discussion.

More information regarding this provocative session may be found on pages 45-46 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.



Dr. Preskitt

Ethics CME certificates for GS 33

Because some states require documentation of participation in ethics-related CME, certificates will be available for those individuals who attend GS33, The Ethics of Entrepreneurialism in Surgery, on Thursday from 8:00 to 11:30 am in Moscone Center, Room 236-238. Certificates may be obtained at the end of the session upon submission of the evaluation form.

Applications being accepted for ACS Traveling Fellowship to Japan

The International Relations Committee of the American College of Surgeons has announced the availability of the ACS Traveling Fellowship to Japan for the year 2003. The purpose of this fellowship, which is in the amount of \$7,500, is to encourage international exchange of surgical scientific information. The successful applicant must spend a minimum of two weeks in Japan to attend and participate in the annual meeting of the Japan Surgical Society,

which will be held in Sapporo, June 4-6, 2003. The awardee will also attend the ACS Japan Chapter meeting and will visit at least two medical centers in cities other than Sapporo to lecture and to share clinical and scientific expertise with local surgeons.

Applications for this fellowship are available at <http://www.facs.org/dept/fellowship/research.html>, or by calling 312/202-5281. The deadline for receipt of application is November 1, 2002.

Reception for international guests to be held Monday evening

The Regents and Officers of the American College of Surgeons invite international Fellows and international guest physicians to a reception Monday evening, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, in the Hilton San Francisco, Grand Ballroom, Salon B.

ACS President R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS, and ACS Executive Director Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, will be present to welcome international visitors to this year's Clinical Congress.

All international registrants will have received invitations to the reception in their registration packets and are asked to bring them to the reception.

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ACS Surgery: Principles and Practice—an official American College of Surgeons publication and the only continually updated textbook for the practicing surgeon—offers today's general surgeon more by breaking the mold of traditional textbooks.

In addition to detailing the preferred techniques of over 200 master surgeons, *ACS Surgery* employs four-color illustrations throughout that synthesize key points and enhance understanding of the core practice of general surgery.

ACS Surgery first demonstrated its progressive philosophy when it was introduced in the 1980s built around problem-solving algorithms. It continued that fine tradition when it became the first online reference for practicing surgeons in 2000, and carries on today as the only comprehensive surgery textbook kept up-to-date online. Never

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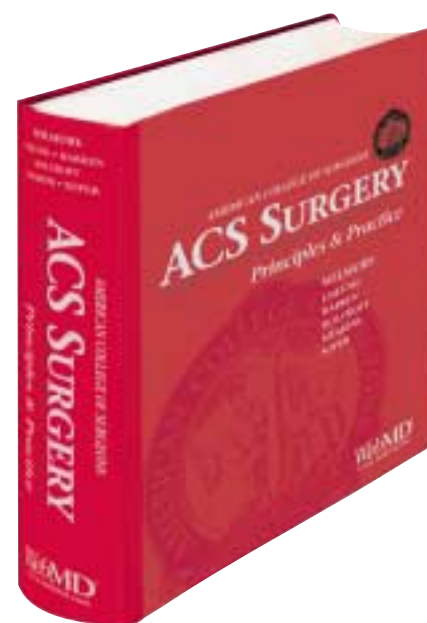
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ACS Surgery has also modernized how CME is offered. Its convenient online format makes as much as 120 credit hours of category 1 CME available while speeding and automating the often arduous task of obtaining proof of credit for relicensure and recertification.

E-newsletter

What's New in ACS Surgery is the latest member of the *ACS Surgery* family. It is an electronic newsletter that conve-

niently highlights key management recommendations from the latest updates. Plus, *What's New* features a monthly column on a variety of topics from today's leading practicing surgeons. *What's New in ACS Surgery* also includes a free e-mail alert service that will electronically "tap readers on the shoulder" and let them know when new information is available online. Now, keeping current is as simple as reading an e-mail. Sign up for this free e-mail service at ACS Surgery Booth #1800 in the exhibit area in Moscone Center.



Special member discount for ACS Surgery

Fellows, Associates, and Candidates of the American College of Surgeons may purchase *ACS Surgery* at the special member price of \$199 (\$229 for nonmembers). In addition, attendees presenting their *ACS Surgery* 88th Clinical Congress coupon at ACS Surgery Booth #1800 will receive another \$50 off. Coupons are available with the Clinical Congress Program Book at registration.

Congress Chronicle

In 1951

Congress newspaper debuts in San Francisco

A major innovation at the 37th Clinical Congress, which took place in San Francisco in 1951, was the debut of the *Daily Clinical Bulletin* (see below). Like its current day successor, the newspaper contained news stories and photographs as well as clinical schedules, program changes, and announcements.

Some of the stories featured in the 1951 paper were: "Chicago Researchers

Transplant Heart," "New Color Camera Takes Pictures in Three Dimensions," "Small Towns Offer Chance for Young Surgeons," and "Surgeons Asked to Defend Ethics of Profession."

The Daily Clinical Bulletin was renamed the *Daily Bulletin* in 1952, and it officially became the *Clinical Congress News* in 1954.

Report on physicians as assistants at surgery available

The American College of Surgeons and 14 surgical specialty organizations recently undertook a process to update a study on the need for a physician as an assistant at surgery for all procedures listed in the "Surgery" section of the American Medical Association's *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT™)* 2002.

Each organization was asked to review procedure codes applicable to their specialty and determine whether the operation requires the use of a physician as an assistant at surgery: (1) almost always; (2) almost never; or (3) some of the

time. The report, *Physicians As Assistants at Surgery: 2002 Study*, is widely used by third-party payors to determine which procedures require the use of a physician assistant. This is the fourth edition of the study, which was first conducted in 1994.

For a downloadable copy of the 2002 document, go to <http://www.facs.org/dept/hpa/pubs/pubs.html>. A hard copy of the document may be requested by contacting customerservice@facs.org or by calling 312/202-5474.

JACS on display

The *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)* welcomes visitors at Booth #2412 in the exhibit area of Moscone Center. Elsevier representatives will help you register online and log on to the *JACS* Web site. *JACS* editorial office staff will be available to show you

the online CME program and guide you through entry and documentation of its credit-earning submission. Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS, Editor-in-Chief, will be at the booth on Monday between 2:00-3:00 pm to meet Fellows and answer questions.

News from the ACS Archives

Over the past year, a significant portion of the archival materials of the College, stored at the Murphy Memorial Auditorium, have been accessioned into a software program in preparation for cataloging and increased accessibility by ACS Fellows and staff. Links to the Archives are now on the ACS Web site under "Member Services."

Oral history interviews with some of ACS senior leaders, including those of Jonathan Rhoads and C. James Carrico, have been transcribed and are available to members from the Archives at College headquarters in Chicago, IL.

The ACS Archives will be represented

at a "Symposium on Medical History," to be held at the American Medical Association's headquarters as a showcase of medical archives in the Chicago area, October 24, 2002.

"Historical Perspective" articles have been appearing in the *Bulletin*, providing a glimpse of the wealth of materials to be found in the Archives.

Submission of historical articles, especially having to do with ACS Fellows, are actively being sought. Please contact Susan Rishworth, Archivist, via e-mail at srshworth@facs.org, or tel. 312/202-5270 for assistance with historical matters relative to the College.



Symposium to consider surgical work environment

The Graduate Medical Education Committee will sponsor a general session (GS 09) on Monday afternoon to consider Attracting and Training Surgeons: Assessment of the Work Environment. The symposium will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in Room 134 of Moscone Center.

The program will cover issues related

to surgical work hours and the work environment. Cultural and competency issues will also be addressed.

Gloria E. Sarto, MD, FACS, Madison, WI, will serve as moderator. Specific topics and presenters may be found on page 28 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

PG manuals available on CD-ROM

A CD-ROM containing 14 postgraduate course syllabi from the 2002 Clinical Congress may be purchased this week. You may take the 2002 "Syllabi Select" courses wherever you have access to a computer—at home, at work, or even on the road.

These syllabi, selected and packaged for your convenience, may be purchased

for \$75 during the Clinical Congress at the Publications Booth in the North Hall of Moscone Center.

Following the Clinical Congress, Syllabi Select will be available by calling 312/202-5474 or through the College's Web site at <http://secure.telusys.net/commerce/current.html>.

SAGES/SSAT symposium to examine ventral hernia

SAGES (Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons) and SSAT (Society for Surgery in the Alimentary Tract) will jointly sponsor a symposium on Wednesday, October 9, entitled Ventral Hernia: A Fresh Look at a Familiar Problem.

The program will begin at 5:15 pm at

the San Francisco Marriott.

According to course director Adrian E. Park, MD, FACS, the management of ventral hernias has common, often challenging problems that face all abdominal surgeons. Presentations will consider current treatment options, new and emerging techniques of ventral hernior-

rhaphy, perioperative patient issues, clinical outcomes, risks and complications, and recent advances in the expanding field of biomaterial (mesh) development and means of mesh fixation.

The program will include opening remarks by SAGES president Bruce

Schirmer, MD, FACS. Lee Swanstrom, MD, FACS, SAGES president-elect, and Robert Beart, MD, FACS, SSAT president-elect, will serve as moderators for the program.

A brief reception will be held at the conclusion of the symposium.



Trauma courses scheduled

Continuing medical education courses in trauma sponsored by the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma and Regional Committees include the following:

Advances In Trauma
December 6-7, 2002
Kansas City, Missouri

Trauma and Critical Care - 2003
March 24-26, 2003
Las Vegas, Nevada

Trauma and Critical Care - 2003 - Point/Counterpoint XXII
June 2-4, 2003
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Complete course information may be viewed online (as it becomes available) through the American College of Surgeons' Web site: <http://www.facs.org/dept/trauma/cme/traumtgs.html> or contact the ACS Trauma Office at 312/202-5342.

COT subcommittee offers injury prevention questions to consider

The Subcommittee on Injury Prevention and Control of the ACS Committee on Trauma has put together a list of 10 injury prevention questions for interested individuals to consider this week.

Answers to these questions and others may be found by stopping by the Trauma Booth in the ACS Resource Center in the North Hall registration area of Moscone Center.

Here is a sample:

1. The most likely place for a trauma victim to die is:

- At the scene of the incident from overwhelming injuries
- In the emergency room from hypoxia
- In the operating room from hypotension
- In the ICU from nosocomial infection
- At a non-trauma center without an organized system

2. The most serious and most costly public health problem in young Americans is:

- AIDS

- Cancer
- Homicide
- Suicide
- Traumatic brain injury

3. Important components of an injury prevention program include all but the following:

- A focus on nationally identified injury problems
- A dedicated budget and adequately trained personnel
- An interim process evaluation of procedures and materials
- An impact evaluation
- An outcome evaluation

4. Which of the following interventions has been demonstrated to be effective in preventing injuries?

- Smoke alarms and sprinklers
- Bicycle helmets
- Motorcycle helmets
- Window bars
- Secured storage for poisons and guns
- None of the above
- All of the above

5. Where do youths most often obtain the weapons they use in acts of violence?

- In their homes
- Stolen
- Friends
- Legal purchases
- Illegal purchases

Division of Education to offer six general sessions online

In an effort to meet the growing and ever-changing needs of our Fellows and a diverse surgical community, the College's Division of Education will be offering six general sessions from the 2002 Clinical Congress online in an interactive format.

These sessions will be offered in the form of a Web cast through the College's Web site approximately four to five weeks after the Clinical Congress has concluded. Each session will be offered separately and will include a written transcript, audio, visual displays, post-test, evaluation, and, upon successful comple-

tion of each session, an online printable CME certificate.

The general sessions schedule to be Webcast are:

- GS 08: New Technology: What's Proven, What's Not
- GS 10: Patient Safety
- GS 21: Damage Control in Trauma and Emergency Surgery: New Applications
- GS23: Programa Hispanico
- GS 34: Should Axillary Dissection Be Abandoned?
- GS 40: Management of Metastatic Disease of the Liver

Allied Meetings

Sunday

Morning

Managing Serious Surgical Infections: The New Rules

6:00 am - 9:00 am, Breakfast
Westin St. Francis, Colonial Room
Sponsored by Astra Zeneca

Surgical Biology Club

6:30 am - 1:30 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Plaza B, Bldgs. 1,2,3,
Lobby Level

AWS Fall Conference

7:30 am - 1:00 pm, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 1-3,
Lower B-2

Inguinal Hernia Options: What Should We Be Doing for Our Patients?

7:30 am - 11:00 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 7, Lower B-2
Sponsored by Pharmacia

Intra-Abdominal Infections from Trauma and Surgery: Clinical Strategies for Improving Outcomes

7:30 am - 11:00 am, Breakfast Meeting
Palace Hotel San Francisco, Gold Ballroom,
First Floor
Sponsored by Hopkins Advanced Studies in
Medicine/Merck

Meeting the Challenges of Surgical Infections

7:00 am - 11:30 am, Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 8-9,
Lower B-2
Sponsored by Academy for Healthcare
Education/Pfizer Inc.

Surgical Biology Club III

8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Yosemite B,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA) Board of Governors Meeting

9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific D, Floor Four

Afternoon

Surgical Biology Club III

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Luncheon
San Francisco Hilton, Yosemite A,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

AWS Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Meeting/Luncheon
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 4-5,
Lower B-2

VA Surgeons Council of Chiefs

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Meeting/Luncheon
Westin St. Francis, Essex, Floor Two

VA Surgeons Council of Chiefs

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Meeting
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan B, Floor Two

Evening

VA Surgeons Council of Chiefs

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan A, Floor Two

Cook County Surgical Alumni - Karl Meyer Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Yosemite A,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Parkland Surgical Society, Department of Surgery – UT, Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, and the North Texas Chapter, ACS

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Imperial B,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Alumni - North American Chapter

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Imperial A,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Surgical Biology Club III

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Reception/Dinner
Bank of America Bldg., Carnelian Room,
Vista Terrace, Floor 55

United States Laparoscopic Founder's Society

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Meeting
Westin St. Francis, Victorian, Floor Two

Monday

Morning

Elsevier Science Surgery Board Meeting

7:00 am - 9:00 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 10-11-12,
Lower B-2

SLEPT Editorial Board Meeting

7:00 am - 9:00 am, Breakfast
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific D, Floor Four

ASE Foundation Board

7:00 am - 9:30 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 16,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Mont Reid Surgical Society Business Meeting and Luncheon

11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Meeting/Luncheon
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 6, Lower B-2

Afternoon

American Society of General Surgeons Board of Trustees

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 7,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Association for Surgical Education Curriculum Committee

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Meeting
Moscone Center, Room 230, Mezzanine Level

Association for Academic Surgery Executive Council

2:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Yosemite B,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Cine-Med, Inc. Need's Assessment Advisory Board Meeting

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra C, Floor Five

Springer-Verlag

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra J, Floor Five

Evening

Walter F. Pizzi Society

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 1-2,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Association for Surgical Education Faculty Development Committee

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 11,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Huntington Hotel

The American Society of Breast Surgeons General Membership

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Nob Hill A, Lower B-2

University of Illinois School of Medicine and Warren H. Cole Society

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Reception/Dinner/Meeting
Bank of America Bldg., Carnelian Rm

Albany Medical College

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 17-18,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Cornell University Medical College Alumni Reception

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 1-2,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Yale Surgical Society Reception

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 22,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

UCLA School of Medicine Department of Surgery and the William P. Longmire Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan C-D,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Alabama School of Medicine Alumni, Faculty and Friends

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 15-16,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

University of Pittsburgh Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Sienna, Floor Three

University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine/Knoxville Department of Surgery Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Essex, Floor Two

St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital Center

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Victorian, Floor Two

Stanford Departments of Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 9,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs. 1,2,3

Temple University Medical Alumni Association/Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan A-B,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs. 1,2,3

Kansas Chapter, American College of Surgeons and University of Kansas

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra A, Floor Five

Mount Sinai School of Medicine Alumni Reception

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 7,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of California San Francisco Department of Surgery Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Alexandra's, Imperial –
Floor 32

University of Minnesota Department of Surgery Alumni Reception

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Victor's

Massachusetts General Hospital

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Cocktail Reception
Hosted by Andrew L. Warshaw, MD, FACS
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 5-6

Brigham and Women's Hospital

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Cocktail Reception
Hosted by Michael J. Zinner, MD, FACS
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 5-6

Society of Brigham Surgical Alumni (SOBSA)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Cocktail Reception
Hosted by Michael J. Zinner, MD, FACS
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 5-6

Cleveland Clinic Alumni Reception

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 25,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

John E. Connolly - UCI Surgical Society

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm, Reception/Dinner
Westin St. Francis, California East, Floor Two

Creighton University Alumni Reception

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 8,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Saint Louis University Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 10, Floor
Four, Bldg. 3

Vermont Chapter, American College of Surgeons

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 8,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Division of Surgery and University of Texas Medical School at Houston, Department of General Surgery Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Corintia, Floor Two

Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Plaza B, Lobby Level,
Bldgs. 1,2,3

Georgetown Surgery and The Wallace Society

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 14,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Illinois Chapter, American College of Surgeons

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra H, Floor Five

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Pavilion, Lobby

University of Hawaii Aloha Reception

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Yosemite A,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

National Medical Association Surgical Section

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Fountain, Lobby

Jack H. Bloch Surgical Alumni Association

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific E, Floor Four

Tuesday

Morning

ISDS (Formerly CICD)

6:30 am - 8:00 am, Breakfast
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan C,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Society of General Surgeons

6:30 am - 10:00 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 17-18,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Indiana Chapter, ACS

7:00 am - 9:00 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 6, Lower B-2

VascularWeb Section Editor's Meeting

8:00 am - 10:00 am
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra B

Surgical Journal Editors' Group Annual Breakfast Meeting

7:00 am - 8:45 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan D,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

ASCRS CME Committee

7:00 am - 8:30 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 12,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

ASCRS - Bylaws Committee

7:30 am - 8:30 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 8,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

ASCRS Socioeconomic Committee

7:30 am - 8:30 am, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 11,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

ASCRS Quality Assessment and Safety Committee

7:30 am - 8:30 am, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 10,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Program Changes

General Sessions

Session added

Reducing Resident Work Hours: Models, Implications, and Impact

Wednesday, October 9, 1:30-3:00 pm
Moscone Center, Room 304

Speakers:

Richard H. Bell, Jr., MD, FACS,
Chicago, IL
Debra DeRosa, PhD, Chicago, IL
Gary L. Dunnington, MD, FACS,
Springfield, IL

This session describes the results of a recent Think Tank Consortium on Surgery Resident Work Hours, which included surgeons, residents, educators, and hospital administrators.

Room Changes

The room numbers for several general sessions have been changed. Following are the titles, dates, and times of the sessions with the updated room numbers.

Managing the Spectrum of Surgical Pain (GS06)

Monday, October 7, 1:30-3:00 pm
Moscone Center, Room 103

EMTALA: Surgeons in the Safety Net (GS07)

Monday, October 7, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm
Moscone Center, Room 305

Knowledge at the Point of Care: Handheld Computing for Surgeons (GS12)

Tuesday, October 8, 8:30-10:00 am
Moscone Center, Room 103

Radio-Guided Surgery (GS13)

Tuesday, October 8, 8:30-10:00 am
Moscone Convention Center, Room 304

The Ethics of Entrepreneurialism in Surgery (GS33)

Thursday, October 10, 8:00-11:30 am
Moscone Center, Rooms 236-238

When Do We Stop, and How Do We Do It? Medical Futility and Withdrawal of Care (GS37)

Thursday, October 10, 8:30-11:30 am
Moscone Center, Rooms 200-212

Surgical Frontiers (GS41)

Thursday, October 10, 10:30 am-12:00 noon
Moscone Center, Room 103

Speaker changes

Speakers for several general sessions have changed. These modifications in the program are as follows:

Programa Hispanico

Wednesday, October 9, 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Moscone Center, Esplanade Ballroom, Room 135

Abaunza Orjuela Hernando, MD, FACS, Bogota, DC, Columbia, will present "Comments on the Surgeon at Risk: Myth or Reality?"

Impact of Mid-Level Providers on Resident Surgical Education

Wednesday, October 9, 8:30-10:00 am
Moscone Center, Rooms 250-262
Scott F. Gallagher, MD, Tampa, FL, will present "Thoughts from a Resident."

Surgical Frontiers

Thursday, October 10, 10:30 am-12:00 noon
Moscone Center, Room 103
Shawna C. Willey, MD, FACS, Washington, DC, will present "Political and National Policy."

Postgraduate Courses

PG24 Colon and Rectal Surgery

Session IIa — Intestinal

Anastomosis

Tuesday, October 8

Moscone Center, Room 301

This session will run from 1:30-3:30 pm, followed by a coffee break.

PG29 – Pediatric Surgery: Esophageal Disorders and Anomalies in Infancy and Childhood

Wednesday, October 9, 1:30 pm-5:00 pm

Moscone Center, Rooms 236-238

The following topic and speaker have been added to the program:

"Long Gap Esophageal Atresia and Esophageal Replacement: An Outdated Marriage," Pietro Bagolan, MD, Rome, Italy.

College hosts SF Bay Area minority high school students

On Wednesday, October 9, the Graduate Medical Education Committee will sponsor its third annual minority high school student mentoring program, A Day at the American College of Surgeons.

The project is designed to identify African-American and Hispanic students who may be interested in the medical profession and provide them an opportunity to interact with surgeons, learn about the pathway to becoming a surgeon, and to help them aspire to achieve such a goal. The program also provides information to the high school students, their families, and their counselors about college and medical school requirements.

More than 120 minority tenth and

eleventh grade students from local San Francisco public schools have been invited to attend the Clinical Congress on Wednesday. This program is an exciting opportunity for these young people to meet and interact with surgeons from all over the world. Surgeons have been recruited to be mentors for these students and will spend a half day with them. The program will also include a visit to the exhibit hall. Look for them, and greet them warmly!

If you are interested in learning more about this program or being a mentor, please contact Donna Coulombe of the Division of Education Office located near the North Hall registration area of Moscone Center.

CME Joint Sponsorship Program continues to grow

The American College of Surgeons initiated a CME Joint Sponsorship Program in July 2001 that is designed to be a cost-effective method for smaller, nonaccredited societies to comply with Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) regulations for continuing medical education. The College is a national accrediting organization under ACCME and assists nonaccredited not-for-profit surgical organizations in providing continuing medical education (CME) credit for their educational activities.

The College has jointly sponsored educational activities with the following societies: American Society of General Surgeons, Western Surgical Society, North Pacific Surgical Association, OSU/Cleveland Clinic, Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society, Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, ASE/APDS Surgical Education Week, Oregon Clinic/Legacy Health System, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine, Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society, Western Vascular Society, New England Surgical Society, Illinois Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and Mission St. Joseph's Health System.

Upcoming jointly sponsored educational activities include:

Illinois Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

2002 Fall Scientific Meeting

Chicago, IL

October 19, 2002

Mission St. Joseph's Health System

Fourth Annual Trauma and Critical Care Symposium

Asheville, NC

October 19, 2002



Oregon Clinic/Legacy Health System

Updates: Minimally Invasive Gastrointestinal Surgery

Honolulu, HI

November 4-8, 2002

North Pacific Surgical Association

89th Annual Meeting

Seattle, WA

November 8-9, 2002

The Society of Gynecologic Oncologists

Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer

New Orleans, LA

January 31-February 4, 2003

Ohio State University/Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Advances in Minimally Invasive Surgery 2003: Technical Considerations

in Laparoscopy

Marco Island, FL

January 31-February 2, 2003

Please visit the Education Office in Moscone Center for further information and an application, or, following the Congress, contact the program's administrator, Kathleen Goldsmith, via e-mail at JSP@facs.org, or by phone at 312/202-5212. Application materials are also available on the ACS Web site under "Continuing Medical Education" at http://www.facs.org/meetings_events/cme_events.html.



Jim Henry offers College jewelry

In technical exhibit Booth #1305, many Congress participants will recognize a familiar exhibitor—Jim Henry, Inc. For over 40 years, Jim Henry has offered Fellows of the College an array of official ACS ties, jewelry, and other items from the family-run business.

Items available for purchase during the Clinical Congress include ACS ties for men and women, blazer patches and buttons, special plaques and desk accessories, and a popular custom-designed ring with the ACS Seal.

Initiates will be most interested in the "Alpha Series" custom frames that display your personal picture, the ACS Fellowship Certificate, and the ACS Pledge. Jim Henry, Inc., is located at 435 37th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174; tel. 630/584-6500, fax 630/584-3036.

Congress Notes

Program participants may review slides and films

Beginning on Sunday at 6:00 am, participants may review their slides and films in the Speaker Ready Room, North Hall, Moscone Center.

Ticket holders

Postgraduate course tickets are sized to fit into the Congress badge holders. You can keep track of your ticket(s) by sliding it into the holder behind your badge and revealing it at the door as you enter the course room.

Portraits

Arrangements have been made with Oscar & Associates to photograph Initiates and Fellows of the College who desire to have full color or black-and-white portraits taken in Fellowship robes. A photographer will be available in the North Hall of Moscone Center during the following times: Sunday from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm, Monday through Wednesday from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm, and Thursday from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm.

It is suggested that you arrange for your sitting as early in the week as possible. Oscar & Associates will have an assortment of official Fellowship caps and gowns available for your use. There is no charge for the sitting itself. Proofs will be viewed in full color, from which you may order either color or black-and-white finished photographs. A schedule of rates is available at the studio and appointment desk.

Initiates and Fellows who elect to be photographed will see their "proofs" via video screen immediately after their sitting. Although the photography is done by conventional process, an Eastman Kodak electronic previewing system will be used, which allows for simultaneous recording on film and video. This system allows the subject to select favorite views prior to leaving the studio area.

Exhibit rules

More than 100 scientific and approximately 270 technical exhibits will be on display in Moscone Center. Hours are: 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Monday through Wednesday, and 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Thursday. Scientific exhibits are located in the North Hall and technical exhibits are located in the South Hall.

Persons 16 years of age or older who are accompanying surgeons are welcome to tour the exhibit areas. They must register and pay \$75 at the Social Program registration area in Moscone Center, North Hall. Children under the age of 16 will not be admitted to the exhibit areas.

Medical students, nurses, and allied health personnel may tour the exhibit areas without charge, provided they are registered and have a name badge.

Spouses who register for the Social Program may use the badge they receive to enter the exhibit areas. All other persons registered for the Clinical Congress may gain admittance by showing their official badge.

Help and Information Center

The Help and Information Center, located in the North Hall lobby area of Moscone Center, can provide you with messages, information about the programs and related activities, and the names of individuals who are registered and their hotels.

Once again, we will offer the MSv2 video-computer Internet messaging system. The ACS Electronic Message System will utilize advanced network technology to connect video message kiosks that are located in prominent areas of Moscone Center.

Any person who has access to the Internet may leave a message using the show messaging address: *clinicalcongress2002.globalmessenger.net*.

Simply search the list of attendees, then post a message in their mailbox. Within minutes, the name will appear on the video-paging monitors along with the message posted onsite. The attendee sees his or her name and retrieves the message from their mailbox to read, print, or reply. Also, look for conference and exhibitor updates on the information kiosks located throughout Moscone Center.

The message center will be staffed Sunday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 am-5:00 pm, and Thursday, 7:30 am-1:30 pm. The video paging systems are operational 24 hours a day. You may also use your laptop PC and the Internet address at anytime to post and/or receive messages.

Audiotapes

Selected postgraduate courses, general sessions, multidisciplinary programs, specialty sessions, and named lectures will be recorded live and available on audiotapes. Additional information and order forms are available at the National Audio Video Booth in Moscone Center, North Hall.

Lost and found

Lost and found areas will be located in the ACS Convention and Exhibit Office at Moscone Center, North Hall, and in the Convention Office at the Hilton San Francisco, Lombard (6), Bldg. 3.

Caps and gowns

Distribution of caps and gowns will be on Thursday, October 10, from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm, in the South Lobby of Moscone Center. Caps and gowns may be turned in on Thursday at the same location following the conclusion of Convocation.

Friends of Bill W

Friends of Bill W will meet Sunday through Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm, at the Hilton San Francisco, Executive Board Room, Ballroom Level, Bldgs. 1-3.

VIP hospitality room

A hospitality room for ACS Regents, Officers, Past-Regents, Past-Presidents, and their spouses/guests will be located in the Hilton San Francisco, Suite 4278, Bldg. 1. Daily hours of operation are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday, October 4, through Wednesday, October 9.

The Candidate and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS) invites all residents, residency program directors, and Associate Fellows to attend a symposium on professionalism and how it is taught in the medical environment. The symposium will be held Sunday, October 6, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, in Room 250-262 of Moscone Center.

The speakers will be Ajit K. Sachdeva, MD, FACS, FRCSC, Director of the College's Division of Education, and Michael E. Whitcomb, MD, Senior Vice-President for Medical Education and Director, Division of Medical Education, Association of American Medical Colleges. Dr. Whitcomb is also Editor-in-Chief of *Academic Medicine*, the leading journal devoted to issues relevant to academic medicine. There will be an open-microphone discussion following their presentations.



Complimentary consultations on practice management available

The American College of Surgeons' Division of Advocacy and Health Policy is sponsoring a practice management consultation booth during this week's Clinical Congress. Consultations will take place in the ASC Resource Center, which will be located in the North Hall registration area of Moscone Center.

The consultations are being provided by Tom Loughrey of Economedix, a highly regarded consultant in the field of practice management. Fellows with questions concerning practice management issues, such as coding and reimbursement, group mergers, contract negotiations, and so on, are invited to visit the booth for a free consultation.

Thirty-minute appointments will be available during the following times:

Sunday, October 6	12:00 noon - 4:45 pm
Monday, October 7	9:00 am - 4:45 pm
Tuesday, October 8	9:00 am - 4:45 pm
Wednesday, October 9	9:00 am - 4:45 pm
Thursday, October 10	9:00 am - 12:45 pm

Please stop by the ACS Resource Center to schedule your appointment.

Coding consultations available this week on Wednesday

The American College of Surgeons' Division of Advocacy and Health Policy will sponsor a day of coding consultations during the Clinical Congress. Teri Gatchel of Karen Zupko and Associates will be available to meet with Fellows from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm on Wednesday, October 9. Ms. Gatchel is one of the presenters of the ACS coding courses.

Advance appointments are not necessary. Fellows who have questions concerning CPT and ICD-9-CM coding are invited to come to the Advocacy and Health Policy Booth in the ACS Resource Center, which is located in the North Hall registration area of Moscone Center.